

was surprised to see our little moralists in a dress so different to what they were accustomed to; but the 'Squire soon unriddled the whole business, and insisted, that he should take under his care, not only Amintor and Florella, but his little son and daughter also.

"I should be happy, Sir, (said Mr. Stubbs) in obeying your commands; but I know nothing of the fashionable branches of science, such as serve only to fan the passions, and light up the flame of sensuality. In these times, teachers are expected only to attend to external accomplishments, while the duties of religion and morality are forgotten. To humour children in all their little whims and caprice, to indulge them in whatever they fancy, and to use no compulsion to force them to their studies, are the only means the generality of teachers now have to obtain the good opinion of parents in general. But, as I cannot sub-

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mit to such a conduct, I must beg to excuse myself accepting the honour you have proposed me of educating your children."

"You are very much mistaken in your notion of my principles, (replied the 'Squire.) Certain I am, that unless children are early instructed in the grounds of religion and morality, there can be but little hope, that they will pay much respect to them when they shall be grown up. The seeds of indolence, pride, and luxury, take early root, and, if suffered long to thrive, they soon choke every thing that is good and valuable. Whatever may be the fortunes of children, they should be made accustomed readily to submit to the will of those, who are intrusted with their education; should be taught to bear disappointments, and occasionally made sensible what hunger, cold, and fatigue are. These are the principles, upon which I would have my children educated."

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